

the House budget cuts veterans' health care by \$6 billion over 5 years, and increases TRICARE health care premiums for more than 3 million military retirees and their families.

Despite record enrollment growth from pre-K to college, the House budget makes the largest cuts in education in 23 years and provides \$15.4 billion less in funding than promised by the No Child Left Behind Act.

Even as college costs have risen 40 percent since 2001, this budget freezes the maximum Pell Grant for college at \$4,050—for the fourth year in a row. The budget denies more than 460,000 students low-cost loans and eliminates eight higher education programs, including GEAR-UP, TRIO Upward Bound, and TRIO Talent Search—all of which have made all the difference in the lives of South Texas students. These insulting cuts come just 2 months after the majority in this body voted to raid federal student aid programs by \$12 billion.

The other thing people are saying to me everywhere I go is: when will Congress raise the minimum wage? Gas prices are going up, food prices are going up . . . the cost of everything is going up EXCEPT for the minimum wage.

I urge my colleagues to reject the budget before us.

**RECOGNIZING TYLER R. BOGGESS
FOR ACHIEVING THE RANK OF
EAGLE SCOUT**

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Tyler R. Boggess, a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 397, and in earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Tyler has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities including High Adventure and the Brownsea Leadership Camp. Over the 11 years Tyler has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned numerous merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. The city of Kearney, Missouri benefited from Tyler's leadership in the re-roofing of nine shelters at the Lions Park in Kearney for his Eagle Scout Service Project.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Tyler R. Boggess for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

**SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND
IDEALS OF PEACE OFFICERS ME-
MORIAL DAY**

SPEECH OF

HON. JERRY F. COSTELLO

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

Mr. COSTELLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 788, a resolution

that honors and celebrates the 25th Annual National Peace Officers' Memorial Service Observance Day on May 15, 2006. President John F. Kennedy proclaimed May 15th as National Peace Officers' Memorial Day in 1962. However, it was not until May 15, 1982 that the first National Peace Officers' Memorial Day Service was held in Washington, DC. It is important that all citizens know and understand the duties, responsibilities, hazards, and sacrifices of their law enforcement agencies. The memorial that was created in Washington, DC stands as a daily reminder of these dangers facing our law enforcement officers and of how these brave men and women died facing them.

As a former police officer, I salute those law enforcement officials who died in the line of duty in 2005 and continue to honor those police officers who gave their lives in past years. As a member of the Congressional Law Enforcement Caucus, I strongly support critical funding for programs, such as the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, to hire additional police officers and help law enforcement acquire the latest crime-fighting technologies. I will continue to be a strong supporter of the law enforcement community and will advocate on behalf of public safety in Congress.

Madam Speaker, in honor of the law enforcement officers who, through their courageous deeds, have made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their community or have become disabled in the performance of duty, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing and paying respect to our fallen heroes. As a proud cosponsor of H. Res. 788, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN M. EVANS

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to John M. Evans, one of our Federal Government's finest public servants and a long time resident of the Commonwealth of Virginia. This March he retired from an exceptionally distinguished career of service to his country. He has served our Nation as a career civil servant for over 33 years. He has been an exceptional leader and has played a key role in ensuring effective financial management for the Department of Defense. It gives me pride to have the opportunity to honor him today for his tremendous accomplishments.

Mr. Evans began his career with the Navy in the financial management field working for various field activities. He progressed to a management position in the Military Traffic Management Command at the Department of Defense where he had responsibility for personnel and administration.

Mr. Evans first served in the Department of Defense Comptroller office as a senior budget analyst for a number of major Department of Defense-wide programs, including the DoD Family Housing Program, the DoD Real Property Maintenance Program, Navy Military Construction, and DoD Depot Maintenance.

Mr. Evans also served as the director for revolving funds beginning in April of 2000. While director, he was responsible for financial management oversight for all DoD revolving and working capital funds, including the Defense Working Capital funds.

Since 2001, Mr. Evans was the director for operations. As director, Mr. Evans was responsible for the Department's Operations and Maintenance appropriations, including programs that support the global war on terror and the Department's homeland security functions.

Senior leaders, both in the Congress and the Department of Defense, have benefited from Mr. Evans' experience, outstanding leadership, and distinguished performance. His efforts have enabled our Nation's leader to make the most effective use of defense resources to ensure America's military strength. On behalf of my colleagues, I thank him for his service to our country and wish him well on his retirement.

SUPPORT FOR H.R. 2231

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 18, 2006

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2231, the Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act, and I ask my colleagues to work with me to pass this important legislation.

Last Sunday was Mother's Day, and in honor of all mothers, I rise today to stand with the National Breast Cancer Coalition and the 3 million American women living with breast cancer today to urge all my colleagues to push for passage of the Breast Cancer and Environmental Research Act—H.R. 2231. Too many mothers, daughters, wives, and sisters are dying from breast cancer. We will not end this disease until we find out what causes it.

It is generally believed that the environment plays some role in the development of breast cancer, but the extent of that role is not understood. Less than 30 percent of breast cancers are explained by known risk factors. However, there is little consensus in the scientific community on how the environment impacts breast cancer. Studies have explored the effect of isolated environmental factors such as diet, pesticides, and electromagnetic fields, but in most cases there is no conclusive evidence. Furthermore, there are many other factors that are suspected to play a role but have not been fully studied.

Clearly, more research needs to be done to determine the relationship between the environment and breast cancer. What is needed is a collaborative, comprehensive, national strategy to study these issues. H.R. 2231 makes that strategy possible.

This bill would create a new mechanism for environmental health research. It would establish up to eight research centers to study environmental factors and their impact on breast cancer. Modeled after the successful Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research

Program, it would include consumer advocates in the peer review and programmatic review process.

This Federal commitment is critical for the overall, national strategy and the long-term research investments needed to discover poten-

tial environmental causes of breast cancer, so that we can prevent it, treat it more effectively, and cure it.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to be a cosponsor of H.R. 2231, and I urge my colleagues to work with me to pass this bill this year.